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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Office Action dated September 13, 2000 finally rejecting claims 2-4, 6, 14, 16-19.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation in the amount of \$310 for payment of the appeal fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis Corporation.

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Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Respectfully submitted,



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